

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
April 14, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:00 A.M., in Board Room 1, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda L. Hale, R.N., Chairperson
John M. Horn, L.P.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., Discipline Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Beth Shelton, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Cynthia Bucklen, L.P.N. 0002-064506**
Ms. Bucklen did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:12 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Bucklen. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:20 A.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to offer Cynthia Bucklen a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license for not less than two years, in lieu of a formal hearing.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Bucklen and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED: **Kathleen Sulimenko-Hoffman, L.P.N. 0002-071122**

Ms. Sulimenko-Hoffman appeared, accompanied by Mr. Sisk, boyfriend and Jennifer Sears-Cockram, Health Practitioners Intervention Program Case Manager.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:25 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sulimenko-Hoffman. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:45 A.M.
Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to offer Kathleen Sulimenko-Hoffman a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license, in lieu of a formal hearing, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Sulimenko-Hoffman's entry into the Health Practitioners Intervention Program within forty-five days of entry of the order.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Sulimenko-Hoffman and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Theresa Gower, R.N. 0001-139798
Ms. Gower did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:55 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gower. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:00 P.M.
Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom

of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to offer Theresa Gower a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license for not less than two years, in lieu of a formal hearing.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Gower and the Board.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Tracy Ruizcalderon, R.N. 0001-106241

Ms. Ruizcalderon appeared, accompanied by Jeffery Everhart, Attorney; Christine Payne, friend; Jennifer Sears-Cockram, Health Practitioners Intervention Program Case Manager.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:55 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Ruizcalderon. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:05 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to take no action at this time, contingent upon Tracy Ruizcalderon's continued compliance with the terms of the monitoring contract with the Health Practitioners Intervention Program.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Ruizcalderon unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Ruizcalderon within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Susan Anderson, R.N. 0001-158651

Ms. Anderson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Anderson. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 1:55 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Tina Hudson, R.N. 0001-078194

Ms. Hudson did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Hudson. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:20 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to offer Tina Hudson a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license for not less than two years, in lieu of a formal hearing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Hudson unless a written request to the Board for a

formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Hudson within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Brenda Sims, L.P.N. 0002-066262

Ms. Sims appeared, accompanied by Mr. Sims, her husband.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sims. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:10 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order for Brenda Sims to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses “Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care” and “Medication Errors: Detection and Prevention” within sixty days of entry of the order.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Sims unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Sims within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Phyllis Abramson, L.P.N. 0002-040437

Ms. Abramson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Abramson. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:50 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order of reprimand to Phyllis Abramson and further order Ms. Abramson to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing courses “Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care” and “Ethics of Nursing Practice”.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Abramson unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Abramson within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Joy Goad, L.P.N. 0002-048482

Ms. Goad appeared, accompanied by Mr. Goad, her husband.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:30 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Goad. Additionally, Mr. Horn moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Shelton attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:15 P.M.

Mr. Horn moved that the Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Horn moved to issue an order to take no action at this time, contingent upon verification of Joy Goad’s entry into the Health Practitioners Intervention Program within thirty days of entry of the order.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Goad unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Goad

within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Discipline Staff